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SUBJ: DETENTION OF WESTERN JOURNALIST

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1. REFTEL REPORTED THAT JONATHAN RANDAL DURING VISIT TO RABAT HAS SOUGHT TO ENLIST MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR RELEASE OF GOLDSMITH AS WELL AS SUPPORT OF BRITISH, FRENCH AND US EMBASSIES.

2. WE HAVE OBSERVED PREVIOUSLY TO INFO ADDRESSEES THAT "PRESSURE" ON BOKASSA FOR GOLDSMITH'S RELEASE WILL PROBABLY BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. HOWEVER, LOW-KEY HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTIONS BY AFRICAN LEADERS ON CLOSE TERMS WITH BOKASSA MAY BE SUCCESSFUL, PARTICULARLY IF THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE USG IS BEHIND THE APPEAL. A MORROCAN MESSAGE MIGHT BE HELPFUL IF COUCHED IN SUCH TERMS, ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT SURE THAT MOROCCO IS ON CLOSE ENOUGH TERMS WITH THE CAE TO MAKE SUCH AN APPEAL EFFECTIVELY. PRINCIPAL EFFORTS FOR GOLDSMITH'S RELEASE ARE BEING MADE BY BRITISH THROUGH THEIR EMBASSY IN PARIS.

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